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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 27, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the May 27, 2005 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The May 27, 2005 Office Action provides a three-month period for response. Therefore, a response is due August 27, 2005. However, because August 27, 2005 falls on a Saturday, a response filed the next business day, i.e., Monday, August 29, 2005, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.